

“God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to give rain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength. It is the broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume. It is Peter, weeping bitterly, who returns to greater power than ever.”

— Vance Havner

Photo GW: Broken glass polished and cast ashore by the sea



‘As we experience the uncertainty arising from a chaotic world economy and increasingly virulent assaults on human culture, there arises in our souls a hunger for the true Spirit of Humanity.

May the sun-like countenance of the Risen One give hope to our souls and warmth to our hearts and strengthen our resolve to serve our fellow human beings in blazing a path towards the Good, the Beautiful and the True’

Greetings from John Shaw, member of the Sydney congregation

### Looking Far Ahead - save the dates

Every four years a **North-South Americas Conference** is hosted alternately in North and South America. The last conference took place on Vancouver Island in Canada; the **next conference will be in Argentina during the last week of July in 2016.**

**At Pentecost 2017 there will be a World Pentecost Conference in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.** This is a rare opportunity to experience The Christian Community as a world movement.

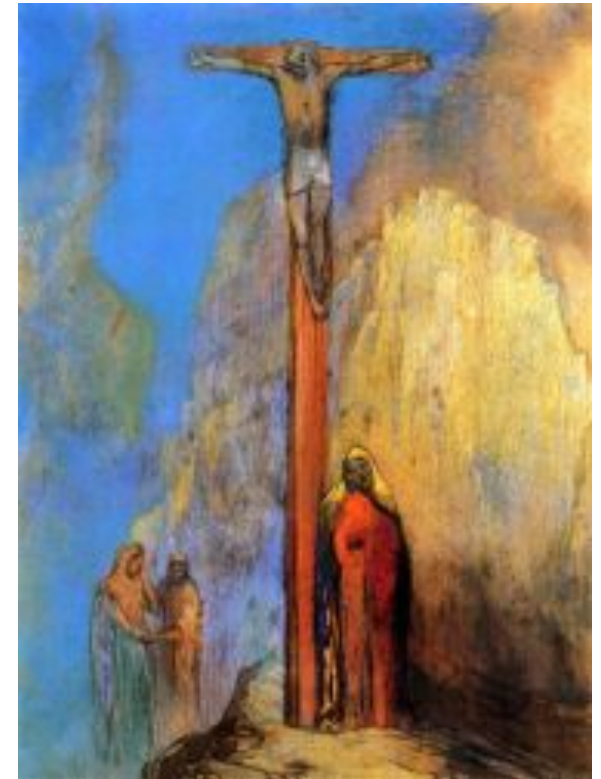
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**Passiontide – Easter - Ascension**  
2015

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## SERVICES

### THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF MAN

Sundays at 11:00 AM  
Thursdays at 9:00 AM

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Story 9:45 AM  
Sunday Service for Children  
10:30 AM  
April 5, 19, May 24

## PASSIONTIDE

### Sunday, March 8

#### "CHEROKEE NOON MEAL"

Fundraising Event for the Priests' Retirement Fund  
A special meal followed by an exploration of the history,  
culture and language of a Native American nation

### Saturday, March 14

10:00 AM

Seating at 9:15am

### THE SACRAMENT OF ORDINATION

At our church in Spring Valley, NY

Seating is limited and registration is required

### Palm Sunday, March 29

Talk at 12:45 PM

### THE BLESSING OF THE BODY

### Daily Services during Holy Week

March 30th – April 4th

Monday through Saturday 9:00 AM

This year the dates of Good Friday, April 3rd and Easter, April 5<sup>th</sup> coincide with the historical dates in the year 33 AD according to spiritual research and astronomical results

### Good Friday, April 3

7:00 PM Sermon, Reading, Music  
HUMANITY GATHERING AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

## EASTER SEASON

### Easter Sunday, April 5

10:30 AM Sunday Service for Children  
11:00 AM The Act of Consecration of Man  
(Childcare provided)  
12:00 Noon FESTIVE MEAL  
12:45 PM THE JOY OF RISING  
A Celebration for Young and Old

### Wednesday, April 8 at 7:30PM

THE POWER AND MISSION OF THE CHRIST  
IMPULSE IN BALANCING EXCESS AND  
DEFICIENCY IN THE ACT OF HEALING  
Guest Lecturer Are Thoresen DVM, Norway

### Sunday, April 26

Talk at 12:45 PM

### THE HEART IS THE KEY TO THE WORLD

### Sunday, May 3

12:00 Noon 'MONET'S TABLE'  
Fundraising Event for the Priests' Retirement Fund  
A special French meal, followed by a recital of French music  
performed by harpist Rita Costanzi

## ASCENSION SEASON

ASCENSION DAY, Thursday, May 14  
9:00 AM The Act of Consecration of Man

### Friday evening study group at 6:30 PM

April 10, May 1, 8

### Living with the Act of Consecration of Man

### Cover painting: Calvary

Odilon Redon, 1840-1916

The height of the cross can suggest loneliness. At the same time the crucified one appears to be stretching already into the world of resurrection, into the infinite blue of the sky, of the heavens at his Ascension. His looking down upon the earth is from a distance. It is a distance that by way of the vertical red beam, the color of blood but also of love, expresses not only his suffering but also the depth of his compassion for the world below. Mary's garment and the suggested golden scarf around her head hint at her becoming the Sophia, the bearer of the Holy Spirit, extending into the yellow, the world of light and wisdom.

To the left side John, or is it another of the women, and Mary Magdalene appear united in the human gesture of comforting each other in a time of great sorrow. Or is it Mary Magdalene standing under the cross, she who washed his feet with her hair and whose purified love made her clairvoyant regarding his pending death to which she responded with the anointing?

To leave the matter to different interpretations is part of the master's work and encourages us to remain open as well.